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Saudi ambassador injured in army-Phalangist clash



BEIRUT, Dec. 8 (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Lebanon, Sheikh Ali Al-Shaer, was wounded by a bullet in the leg Friday as his helicopter flew over a fire-fight north of Beirut, eyewitnesses reported.

The chopper received 10 machine gun shots during a shootout between right-wing militiamen and Lebanese army units in the Christian main port of Jounieh, 12 miles north of Beirut, witnesses said.

The ambassador was rushed to a nearby hospital after the French-made helicopter made a forced landing near Jounieh.

Kuwait's Ambassador Abdul Hamid Bouajian, who also was on board, escaped unharmed and helped the plane's pilot to transfer Shaer to the hospital.

The rightist "Voice of Lebanon" radio station later broadcast a hospital bulletin saying Shaer had suffered a "minor flesh wound."

"The bullet broke no bone and tore no veins in the ambassador's leg," said the broadcast.

The radio broadcast a live telephone interview with the physician in charge of treating Shaer, who said the ambassador's stay in hospital would not be long.

Shaer and Bouajian are engaged in a series of conferences with Christian, Muslim and Palestinian leaders in an at-

tempt to work out a formula for national reconciliation in Lebanon.

They were heading back to Beirut from daylong talks with former President Suleiman Franjeh in the northern town of Zgharta when their military chopper came under a hail of machine gun fire over Jounieh.

Witnesses said Phalangist militiamen took to the streets of Jounieh with blazing machine-guns minutes after the arrest of their commander, Elie Hubeika.

An undisclosed number of regular Lebanese troops and officers were taken hostage during the fighting that was flaring when the military helicopter with the two ambassadors

Zaire president due in Riyadh Monday

KINSHASA, Zaire, Dec. 8 (AP) — Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko will head a trade mission to Saudi Arabia Dec. 11 on a five-day visit in a bid to discuss what officials termed "an important commercial and oil accord" Friday. (See interview with Zaire ambassador on page two).

Official spokesmen declined to elaborate but noted that two missions of representatives of the president and of the central Zairian bank had made trips to Saudi Arabia recently to prepare Mobutu's visit.

Zaire's weak economy does not allow it to import sufficient amounts of oil which is strictly rationed in some areas of the country.

Although Saudi Arabia did not participate in the November conference in Brussels during which 11 Western nations decided to provide Zaire with aid estimated at about \$100 million, the Saudi government expressed interest. It also asked to be kept informed of the progress of President Mobutu's program for economic revival.

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No one was injured in the blast.

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The attack on the U.S. company's offices came only a few hours before the military-led government gave the Shah's permission to stage a massive protest demonstration in downtown Tehran in a bid to head off a threatened bloody showdown with his army. The government later said religious demonstrations will be allowed anywhere in the country on Sunday and Monday.

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Defiance to U.S. pressures

Carter reported convinced Begin stalling

WASHINGTON Bureau WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 — The Carter administration is now convinced Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin wants to delay the signing of a peace treaty with Egypt until after the Dec. 17 deadline, to show his defiance of American attempts to pressure Israel into a compromise, informed sources said here Friday.

President Carter has already issued a public warning of the dangers involved in ignoring the three-month treaty deadline set at Camp David. The sources said that warning was primarily directed at Begin.

During a breakfast meeting with newsmen Thursday, Carter indicated that the Israeli prime minister would be responsible if the Egypt-Israel treaty were not signed by the Dec. 17 deadline, they said.

Carter's remarks criticizing Begin were not reported in the American media, observers noted.

Begin is trying to show Carter that American pressure will not force Israel to agree to

linkage of a timetable for Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza, sources said.

The Israeli leader has already rejected an American compromise on a timetable, knowing that President Anwar Sadat cannot accept the proposed treaty without at least some compromise, they said.

American Zionist leaders have told Carter that Begin has made off the concessions he can be expected to make, given his personality and ideology.

In Paris Meanwhile, Egyptian Premier Mustapha Khalil said Friday he would welcome a meeting with the Israeli negotiators to break the deadlock in the peace talks.

Khalil told reporters after a one hour meeting with French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing "I have informed Moshe Dayan and Ezer Weizman where I will be during my European tour. My itinerary has been deliberately left open to accommodate any move from the Israelis. It is now up to them."

any talks between Egypt and Israel, the source stated.

The Egyptian premier was preparing Friday to leave for Bonn.

In an interview with the official Middle East News Agency Friday, Khalil revealed a new area of dispute between Egypt and Israel in the peace negotiations — oil.

Khalil said Israel is asking for a fixed quota of Egyptian oil and Egypt cannot agree to this.

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U.N. Assembly urges return to Geneva peace conference

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 8 (Agencies) — The U.N. General Assembly has ignored moves towards an Israeli-Egyptian treaty and called for the early re-convening of the Middle East peace conference co-chaired by the United States and the Soviet Union.

The assembly resolution, adopted by 100 to 4 with 33 members abstaining, reaffirmed earlier calls on Israel to withdraw from all occupied Palestinian and other Arab lands. Israel, the U.S., Canada and Guatemala cast the negative votes.

Seven countries that abstained or were absent last year voted against the resolution

Iran government lifts ban on religious processions

TEHRAN, Dec. 8 (Agencies)

— In an effort to defuse mounting opposition to his regime, the Shah of Iran lifted the martial law ban on religious processions during the high holy days of Muharram.

Meanwhile, demonstrators in

Isfahan bombed an apartment block where some Americans live and set the Grumman Airport Corporation headquarters afire Friday. In Tehran, the U.S. Air Force began evacuating the families of some American servicemen stationed in Iran, in what officials are calling "voluntary" exodus.

Diplomats in Isfahan, in southern Iran, said bomb exploded in the underground parking garage of an apartment complex where "four or five" American families lived.

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Mobutu to seek Saudi funding for agriculture, mining schemes

By Farouk Legman
JEDDAH, Dec. 8 — Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko's visit to Saudi Arabia which starts Sunday is aimed at persuading the Saudi government and the private sector to invest in Zaire, according to Zaire Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Kimasi Marwika Basaula.

In an interview with "Arab News" Thursday, the ambassador said: "President Mobutu will explain to his Saudi hosts

the vast opportunities for profitable investment that Zaire can offer."

The country has rich deposits of copper, diamonds, uranium and zinc and great agricultural potential, but money is needed for their exploitation, he said.

In particular, Basaula said, the European companies mining in Zaire "refuse to extend their operations on the excuse that the country is unstable."

Man beheaded in Riyadh for drunken-knife slaying

RIYADH, Dec. 8 (SPA) — Fahd Abdul Khair Al-Ghamdi was executed by beheading in Justice Square here Friday afternoon, after confessing to the murder of Yusuf Yahya Flatah in a drunken knife-fight.

A statement issued by Riyadh Governorate Friday said that on the day of the crime Ghamedi, Yusuf, a boy and another person had been drinking. And but Yusuf set off in a car, telling others they were going to a wedding party. Yusuf and a group of associates followed them in a second car, and when they reached the scene of the wedding pulled Ghamedi's party of the car.

Yusuf and Ghamedi both whipped out knives. Ghamedi stabbed Yusuf in the neck and waited for him to die before quitting the scene.

Main hospital in Riyadh gets 200-bed extension

RIYADH, Dec. 8 (SPA) — Riyadh Central Hospital has added 200 beds to bring its total to 700. Dr. Fahd Turki Al-Madi, acting hospital director said Friday.

Nine of the new beds have been allotted for heart patients, he said.

The hospital, which now has 147 doctors and nurses of both sexes and a total staff of 900, deals with 3,000 outpatients daily and 400 to 500 daily at its casualty department — a figure which doubles on Fridays, Madi said.

Meanwhile, Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jaziri said in London Friday that Saudi Arabia was keen to recruit British medical experts to man ministry hospitals, which will be providing an additional 6,000

beds within "a few years."

Jaziri arrived in London from Rome.

Local Briefs

●TAIF, (SPA) — Deputy Education Minister Prince Khaled ibn Fahd ibn Khaled will open a one-week conference on educational guidance at the Masa'ra Intercontinental Hotel here on Dec. 16.

●JEDDAH. — A team of Saudi fisheries trainees is to proceed to Kuwait on Jan. 1 to attend an international train-

ing course, "Okaz" newspaper reported Thursday.

●JEDDAH. — Agricultural officials are preparing statistics on palm culture in Saudi Arabia to provide material assistance to the farmers, "Okaz" newspaper reported Thursday. According to last year's statistics, there are six million palm trees in the Kingdom.

ing course, "Okaz" newspaper reported Thursday.

According to "Okaz" Thursday, the businessman has prepared the survey to draw the authorities' attention to the danger and hindrance to traffic caused by the abandoned cars and to the wasteful mentality of motorists, who have become used to buying a new car every year or so and abandoning the old one in the streets.

In Mecca, it was announced Thursday that two parking lots are under construction to provide parking for 1,000 cars at a cost of SR 85 million. The two lots, one in Qashashia for 550 vehicles and one by the Jahoun bridge for 450, will be completed in a year.

The director of Mecca's Projects Department said Thursday that 23 other lots were planned as part of an enterprise to improve the Holy City's appearance and ease traffic flow before the next pilgrimage.

President Mobutu had also planned to continue his tour to Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates but these visits had been postponed at the request of the two countries because of previous commitments, he said.

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EARLIER VISIT: President Mobutu with King Khalid at Riyadh Airport at the start of his visit of Saudi Arabia last year.

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Hail exchange opened

Riyadh to have new phone code

RIYADH, Dec. 8 (SPA) — A new telephone code has been announced for the Riyadh area and will go into service on Dec. 13.

From that day, the code will be 01, in place of 011, as part of a plan to reduce all internal telephone codes to two digits.

At the same time, it is proposed that all major towns in Saudi Arabia will have seven-digit telephone numbers to accommodate the increase in subscribers.

The town of Unaizah received seven-digit numbers last week and was followed by Hail in the north Wednesday.

Subscribers wishing to telephone Unaizah should dial the code 06 and then the number, whose first digits will be 364. Long-distance services and international calls will be introduced on Dec. 14.

Hail's new seven-digit sys-

tem went into operation during the conversion of a 5,000-line temporary central exchange.

Opening the exchange, Hail District Commissioner Sheikh

Naizer bin Abdallah Al-

telephoned PTT Minister

Alaa Darwaza Kay

thanked him on behalf

whole area for his care and attention.

Government bank grants 14,000 loans for marriage

JEDDAH, Dec. 8 — Over 14,000 young men have been granted marriage loans by the Saudi Credit Bank since its foundation, "Al-Jazirah" newspaper reported Thursday.

The bank now has 12 million in savings, 4,000 house repairs, 73 loans for crafts and 13 for medical treatment, for a total \$1 million.

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North Yemen, UAE to strengthen ties

SANA, Dec. 8 (R) — North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh has returned home after talks which produced an agreement to strengthen this nation's relations with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in various fields.

The official Emirates News Agency reported the agreement in a dispatch from the UAE capital at Abu Dhabi, where President Saleh had talks with UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahyan.

A statement broadcast in Sanaa affirmed the need for strengthening UAE-North Yemeni relations.

Statements here and in Abu Dhabi said the two countries also had stressed the importance of strengthening Arab solidarity.

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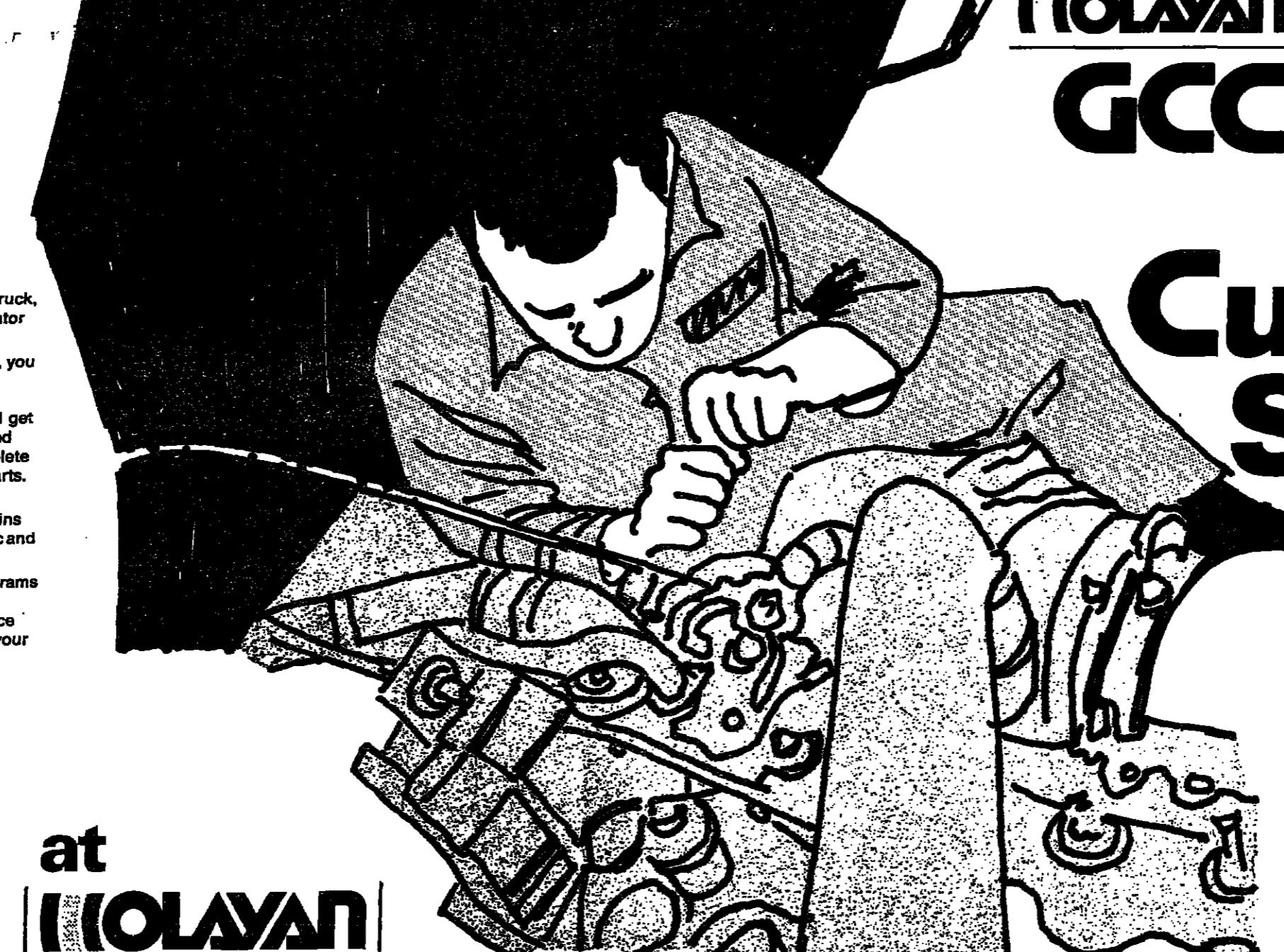
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Priceless piece stolen from Pharaonic temple

Cairo, Dec. 8 (AP) — Thieves have stolen a priceless 3,200 year old relief from one of Egypt's most popular tourist attractions, the temple of Pharaoh Amenhotep III at Luxor, sources said.

Egyptian authorities are investigating the theft of the piece, estimated to be two meters long and one and one-half meters wide and weighing about a quarter of a ton.

It depicts foreigners who had been conquered by the pharaoh — believed to be a grandfather of King Tutankhamen — who reigned until 1372 B.C. in the age of ancient Egypt's greatest splendor.

The discovery was made Wednesday by an archeologist who noticed the section had been cut from the walls of the ancient Theban temple, located on the Nile River 721 kilometers south of Cairo.

"It appears to be the work of local thieves," said a knowledgeable source who saw the destruction but asked not to be identified.

From chippings found and other evidence at the scene, the source said, "it seems likely that they chopped the relief into pieces to cart it away."

Sources estimated the weight of the stone relief made it impossible for a single man to carry.

The temple was built by Amenhotep III, also known as Amenophis, as a house of worship.

The missing section, he said, contained the names of foreign towns and countries. Each was surrounded by a head depicting the features of the foreigners who had been captured in military campaigns.

The relief was also covered with Hieroglyphic texts, which gave clues to the politics and lifestyle of the era.

"Fortunately, the text and the pictures have been published so it is not a complete loss to science," the source said. "But scholars will no longer be able to study the original."

Israel asks Holland to extradite Menten

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Dec. 8 (AP) — Israel Friday formally asked for the extradition of Dutch millionaire art collector Pieter Menten on war crimes charges.

The request was delivered personally by Israeli Ambassador Shlomo Argov to the Dutch Foreign Ministry, which

said the papers would be passed on to the justice ministry for study.

Menten, 79, was set free last Monday by a Dutch court that upheld his claim that he received a 1952 promise of immunity on war crimes charges from a former Dutch justice minister.

Pro-Palestinian protest

Sadat's envoy, Begin in Oslo for Nobel prize

prize "on behalf of the people of Israel because of their love of peace and the great sacrifices they have made to attain it."

Standing in freezing temperatures he said he had come from "the land of Israel" to thank the Norwegian Nobel Committee for the "great dignity bestowed jointly in the President of Egypt and the prime minister of Israel."

He also thanked King Olav V for being his host at the royal palace until he receives the prize in a ceremony on Sunday.

Just after Begin arrived police scuffled with pro-Palestinian demonstrators by a score of young Norwegians.

There was a tug-of-war between police and demonstrators over possession of an anti-Begin banner.

But the tussle went off smilingly as the police took the banner and rolled it up where it could not be read.

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Indira followers alleged plotting death of Desai

NEW DELHI, Dec. 8 (R)—The speaker of the Lok Sabha, the lower house of parliament charged Friday that members of six-Premier Indira Gandhi's party were conspiring to murder Prime Minister Moraji Desai.

angry denial from Mrs. Gandhi's Congress Party and a counter-charge that a minister in Desai's cabinet had contacted the underworld in Bihar State to assassinate her.

K. S. Hegde, the speaker told parliament he had been

NATO sees Soviet worry over Romania

BRUSSELS, Dec. 8 (Agencies)—NATO foreign ministers believe the Soviet Union fears other East European countries may copy Romania's show of independence from Moscow, Secretary-General Joseph Luns said Friday.

Speaking at the end of NATO's two-day talks, he emphasized, though, that the Allies will never intervene in East Europe. "I think the countries of NATO are very aware that

this is a sensitive question and no implications of intervention, direct or indirect, should be given."

Asked later if he was ruling out all possibility of NATO intervention in case of upheaval in Yugoslavia in the post-Tito era, Luns replied he had been talking only of intervention in the area of the seven-nation Warsaw Pact—an alliance to which Yugoslavia does not belong.

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informed by Delhi's police commissioner about the possible attempt on Desai's life and had ordered tighter security inside and outside parliament.

Speaking for Mrs. Gandhi's party, C.M. Stephen denied the allegation as mischievous, malicious and baseless.

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Problems follow vote

Spain squares up to democracy

MADRID, Dec. 8 (R)—Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez's minority centrist government Friday faced the twin problem of how to satisfy the fiercely

nationalistic northern Basque country and form an effective government in Spain's new era of constitutional democracy.

Last Wednesday's referen-

dum on a new constitution has shown a majority of Spaniards endorse the country's transition to democracy, but the results revealed serious disaffection with the constitution in the Basque region, where over half the voters stayed away from the polls.

The referendum produced an 87 per cent vote in favor of the constitution which replaces Gen. Franco's authoritarian laws and guarantees full civil liberties.

But a third of the electorate stayed away from the polls and in the Basque country the abstention rate topped 50 per cent.

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Union Jack to come down on far corner of empire

LONDON, Dec. 8 (R)—Britain has cut loose the most far-flung outpost of such empire as remains with the signing of an independence agreement for the South Pacific Gilbert Islands.

The 33 sparsely populated islands, straddling the equator and bisected by the International Dateline, cover 14 million square km. of ocean.

The agreement, reached between British officials and island leaders during two weeks of talks here, will give the Gilberts independence next July.

But it rejects a plan by the Banabans, who

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Rhodesia pledges end to apartheid

SALISBURY, Dec. 8 (AP)—

The government announced Friday a legislative program aimed at scrapping all racial discrimination, including segregated suburbs, state schools and hospitals, before the end of next month.

White co-minister of lands, Jack Mussett, said six bills would be introduced Dec. 19, including the cornerstone of race laws, the Land Tenure Act. It needs the approval of two-thirds of the 50 white and 16 black legislators.

Mussett said the house would adjourn shortly before Christmas and reassemble Jan. 9 for the final stages of the bills.

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Paint bomb caps U.K. Ford debate

LONDON, Dec. 8 (AP)—Pandemonium over paint bombs against Ford Motor Co. raged in the House of Commons Thursday night, and a woman threw an open can of red paint

at the green carpet, staining it red.

As Deputy Speaker Sir Myer Galperin suspended the sitting for the carpet to be cleaned, the can thrower was removed by officials. Her identity and motive were not immediately known.

The chamber had been in uproar after Michael Foot, leader of the house, cancelled the debate on Ford.

Opposition conservatives had sought the debate in anger at government threats of sanctions against Ford for exceeding the government's anti-inflation pay raise limit of five per cent with a 16.5 per cent increase.

Ex-Italian king's son

Man shot by

Victor Emmanuel dies

HEIDELBERG, Dec. 8 (AP)—Dirk Hamer, a young West German shot by Prince Victor Emmanuel on Corsica last August, died Thursday night in Heidelberg's University Clinic.

Sources said the 19-year-old,

whose leg was amputated by

Marseilles doctors a week after

the shooting, suffered kidney failure.

Hamer, who was vacationing,

was shot Aug. 18 in a squabble with the prince, the only son of former Italian King Umberto II.

The prince reportedly thought Hamer had stolen a missing rubber dinghy.

Victor Emmanuel told a Corsican magistrate that the shooting was accidental and that he carried the rifle fearing he might be a target of Italy's Red Brigades terrorists.

The prince is understood to be in Switzerland awaiting trial on the outstanding charges of grievous assault and illegal possession of firearms. He spent a week in jail in Corsica after being charged, then was granted provisional liberty and allowed to leave France until the trial, for which no date has been set.

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China party urges more free thought

TOKYO, Dec. 8 (AP)—In the midst of extraordinary shakings in politics, economics and culture, China's leadership Friday urged the nation's Communist Party members to start thinking and doing things by themselves.

If carried out, this could be one of the most revolutionary developments in the China which has emerged since the death of the late party Chairman Mao Tse-tung in 1976.

It would, in one important step, encourage individualism, the mark of the Western democracies, as against collectivism which is the basis of communism.

Truth from facts

Mao had insisted that once the Communist Party handed down its policy lines they must be carried out unquestioningly until a party decision changed them.

Under the direction of senior Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, and other less than enthusiastic

House unit charges FAA skimped S. Diego safety

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (R)—A federal agency, apparently trying to save money, turned down requests for radar equipment which could have averted the worst air disaster in U.S. history, a congressional committee says.

The committee, investigating a mid-air collision over San

Maoists, China has turned away from that line, as embodied in the new slogan, "Seek truth from facts."

The Peking "People's Daily," organ of the party, used this phrase in spelling out the call to independent thinking to the party members—politically indoctrinated and skilled officials linking the party to the workers, peasants, intellectuals and military. Their job is to insure the party's policies are carried out.

"Foundation"

Hsinhua News Agency quoted the "People's Daily" that seeking truth from facts was the "foundation stone" of Marxist philosophy and the essence of Maoist thought.

Nevertheless, it added, the thinking of many cadres had become ossified in the past decade because of the influence of the party's radicals, who demanded that people "carry out instructions from the top, whether you understand them or not."

Diego which killed 144 people Sept. 15, said Thursday that was the implication of a memo from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The memo suggested that economic rather than safety reasons made the FAA reject requests by San Diego officials for more advanced radar equipment, it said.

Ohira predicts slowdown in Japan

TOKYO, Dec. 8 (AP)—Japan's new Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira said Friday his administration will give "cheap government" to the Japanese taxpayer but cautioned that the days of high economic growth rates are over.

"Until now we have planned targets for economic growth. We have walked along looking upwards, but today when the world economy is in such distress we cannot export and we should not be expected to make up the difference in terms of domestic demand," Ohira said.

Ohira said at his first news conference since assuming office Thursday that Japan's inability to live up to the seven percent growth rate promised

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Cult's final hour recorded on tape

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Dec. 8 (AP)—A tape recording has been found of part of the tourist attraction or suicide-murder agony of more than 900 American cultists at Jonestown, a Guyanese police official reports.

Cecil Roberts, assistant police commissioner for crime, said the tape of the Nov. 18 murder-suicide was found at the Peoples Temple settlement 150 miles northwest of Georgetown the morning after Guyanese troops arrived at the death camp. But he said the tape was not turned over to the police until recently. Roberts also said about \$1 million of the Temple's money has been found.

The "New York Times" re-

ported in Friday's editions that American government sources said children's screams are audible throughout the tapes which also include the sound of gunshots in the background.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

United accused of Rhodesia banbreach

CHICAGO, Dec. 8 (AP)—The U.S. government has filed criminal charges against United Airlines, accusing it of violating sanctions against Rhodesia by training pilots from the strife-torn African nation. An information document filed by the U.S. attorney's office claims that United knowingly violated the sanctions by training pilots from a corporation called Afrerair at United facilities in Denver.

Rock star Sid Vicious in jail again

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (R)—British punk rock star Sid Vicious was back in jail here Thursday night after he was alleged to have slashed a man in the face with a broken beer bottle, police said. Vicious, 21, whose real name is John Simon Ritchie, had been freed on \$30,000 bail awaiting trial on a charge of murdering his American girlfriend.

El Salvador won't talk to kidnappers

SAN SALVADOR, Dec. 8 (AP)—The Salvadorean government has upheld its policy of not negotiating with kidnappers who hold two British, one Dutch and one Japanese businessman. "The government is not disposed to any type of talks with subversive groups," said the information secretary.

25 bodies removed from Chilean mine

SANTIAGO, Dec. 8 (AP)—At least 25 decomposing bodies have been found in an abandoned limestone mine, to which a bishop directed authorities. Police and legal sources said four bodies were removed Tuesday, nine more on Wednesday and at least 12 more were visible at the Lonquen mine 40 kilometers southeast of Santiago.

Pearl Harbor survivors remember

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 8 (AP)—Survivors of the 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor stood in salute Thursday, shivering in the wind on the deck of a navy destroyer in San Francisco Bay. A trumpeter played taps and the ship's flag was lowered to half mast on the USS carpenter white about 50 survivors, all of whom were in the armed forces and on the island of Oahu when Pearl Harbor was bombed, watched as a wreath of red, white and blue carnations was thrown into the icy water.

Carter supports Ceausescu's policy

BELGRADE, Dec. 8 (UPI)—U.S. Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal flew to Bucharest Friday to deliver a message of support from President Carter on Romania's recent defiant stand against certain Warsaw Pact policy.

Ends martial law

Somoza releases foes

MANAGUA, Dec. 8 (UPI)—President Anastasio Somoza has given in to opposition demands and announced the immediate end of martial law and an amnesty for political prisoners.

But fighting escalated in the north, where the National Guard said it had "wiped out" three guerrilla bases, killing at least 12 Sandinista guerrillas and, in a later dispatch, said 10 more suspected insurgents

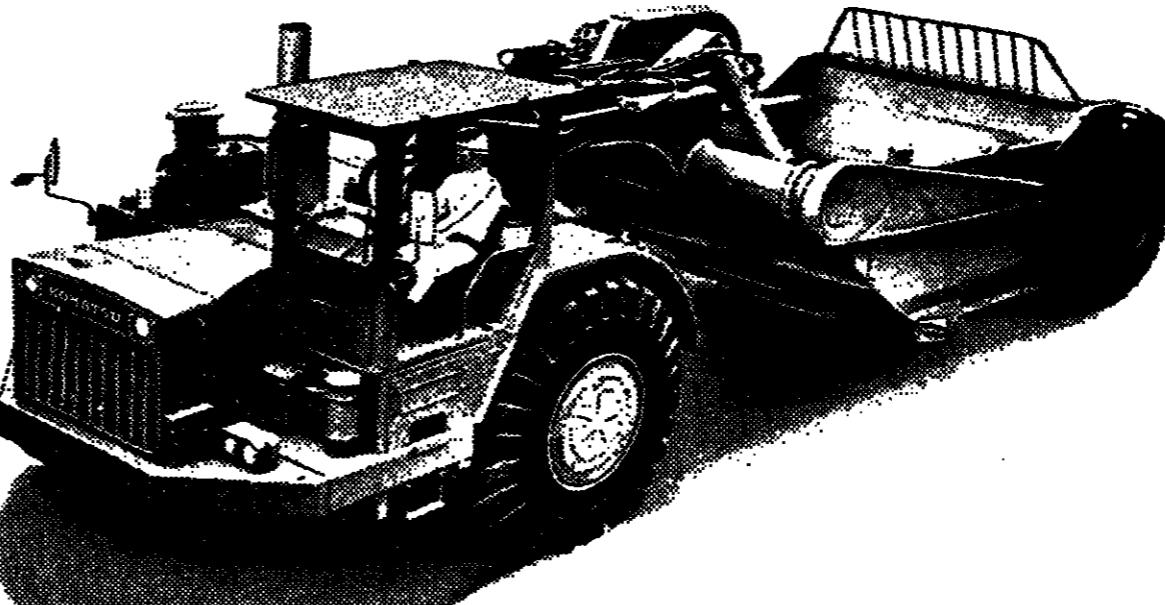
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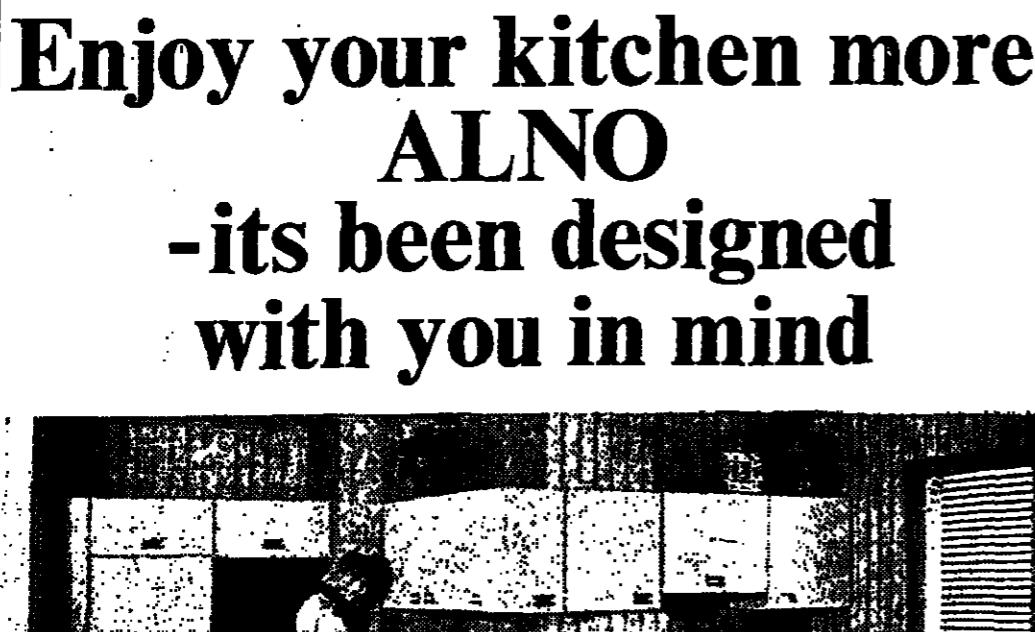
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'IMPOSSIBLE' DEMANDS

President Carter's anxiety for peace in the Middle East is most welcome. His implicit ultimatum is not. The U.S. president has warned that the failure of Egypt and Israel to sign a peace treaty by Dec. 17 as envisaged in the Camp David agreements would have serious implications for peace. The urgency of Mr. Carter's exhortations would have struck a more cordial note if he had not been demanding peace in accordance with the American-sponsored peace treaty that the Egyptians and Israelis have now spent nearly two months trying to amend. Because they have failed to accept each other's amendments, the U.S. president feels that the right thing to do would be to accept the draft treaty in toto.

This is not fair because Egypt's proposed amendments are basic and cannot be sidestepped or circumvented through a private exchange of letters with Israel as they are at the heart of the whole peace process. But President Carter apparently thinks differently. Or he may have been thinking along those lines all along, knowing that the Egyptians cannot accept his draft and allowing them futile negotiations until the Dec. 17 deadline, then asking them to sign what they have selected on the first day.

According to the Israelis, three Egyptian "impossible" demands stand in the face of agreement:

- Request to station Egyptian police in the Gaza Strip,
- Linking the peace treaty to the Palestine issue, and
- Timetable for self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza.

Egypt has officially said that two "impossible" Israeli demands are hindering agreement:

- That Egypt should renege on its Arab commitment on

signing the peace treaty, and

- That self-rule and Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied territories be separate from the peace treaty and subject to further negotiations.

If the question of gendarmes for Gaza Strip is put aside (it is not that important anyway), the points of dispute between Egypt and Israel boil down to two despite the different nomenclature: Egypt's Arab commitments and Palestinian self-

It must be recalled that the Americans, and not the Israelis, are the authors of the draft treaty and the question is whether they have really thought that Egypt can replace all the states with Israel or that it has made such an impossible stipulation with the expectation that the negotiations will thus fail and the whole peace process is shifted back to the Geneva conference.

The often repeated complaint against the Geneva conference is that it brings back the Soviets who have been effectively neutralized by President Sadat's initiative. But if the bringing back of the Soviets is a drawback in the eyes of Egypt and Israel, the U.S. may find some other advantages in the presence of the Soviets. Apart from the fact that responsibility for implementation of the agreements will be shared, the presence of the Soviets will draw in other Arab parties which so far rejected an American-sponsored solution. In other words, the Americans may have realized that they cannot hire the Palestinians, Jordanians, Syrians and other Arabs with the Camp David formula and are ready to experiment with the Geneva conference once more.

Birching campaign

By Michael Nally

DOUGLAS, Isle of Man—Supporters of corporal punishment of criminals on the Isle of Man are trying to frustrate what they describe as an "underhand" attempt to abolish it by the government of Britain and this island in the Irish Sea.

The supporters will campaign throughout the island to put pressure on members of a select committee on birching—a bundle of birch rods—is responsible for the island's defense and diplomacy.

The decisions were taken on the advice of leading Tynwald members, who do not relish further confrontation with the British government over birching.

The issue continued to divide families on the island as well as governments. A leading speaker against the petition and the withdrawal proposal was Mrs. Irving's brother-in-law, Clifford Irving, chairman of Tynwald Executive Council.

He said if the Isle of Man wanted its own way on birching, it would have to declare full independence, and it was unthinkable for it to even consider opting out of its international responsibilities to the cause of human rights. He concluded: "If we did, I would be ashamed to call myself a Manxman." (OFNS)



Nigeria and the U.S.

By David Lamb

LAGOS—Last April, after delivering a speech during his state visit to Nigeria, President Carter received an unusually blunt word of thanks from the director of Black Africa's most prestigious political research institute.

"Mr. President," said Bolaji Akinyemi, director general of the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, as Carter returned to his seat, "the biggest honor which we in this country confer on people who we respect is not to ignore them."

In the coming days, weeks and months, every word you have uttered here this evening is going to be analyzed. It is going to be dissected. And, Mr. President, we will keep you informed..."

Now, seven months later, that analyzing has been done, and it is clear that Nigeria, Black Africa's most influential nation, is not pleased. In government and private circles, many Nigerians like Akinyemi are frustrated and embittered over the pace of events in southern Africa and have resurrected their old suspicions about Washington's interest in, and commitment to, Africa.

Their complaint focuses on the failure of the West in general and the United States in particular to negotiate an end to white minority rule in Rhodesia and Namibia (South-West Africa).

Nigeria had staked a considerable amount of its own prestige in backing Western peace plans for southern Africa. It played a major role in getting SWAPO, the Namibian guerrilla movement, to accept internationally supervised elections, and it has largely replaced Tanzania as Washington's intermediary in dealing with the Patriotic Front, the guerrilla

movement fighting the Rhodesian government of Prime Minister Ian Smith and his three black co-leaders.

But recent events appear to have lessened the possibility of transferring power peacefully. South Africa has elected a right-wing prime minister and has held elections in Namibia without U.N. supervision. Smith has toured the United States and said that the promised Dec. 31 transfer of power to blacks is now impossible.

Meanwhile, Rhodesia has unleashed its heaviest attacks of the war on Patriotic Front guerrilla camps in Zambia.

"There is a feeling in this country that we have been let down," Akinyemi, the political scientist, said in an interview. "The United States simply hasn't delivered on its promises. Andy Young (U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations) goes around saying he doesn't believe in violence, but what's the alternative? What have we got to show for supporting Washington's peace plan?"

The truth is that if the United States wants credibility in Africa, it will need credibility in Nigeria.

As far back as 1960, the year of Nigeria's independence from Britain, there were predictions that Nigeria, because of its size and its oil wealth, would one day become the leader of all Black Africa.

But political instability, a civil war and economic mismanagement slowed this country of 80 million people in its march toward leadership.

The turning point in Nigeria's international independence came in 1975, when Nigeria refused three times to receive

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and rejected President Ford's request that it condemn the Soviet and Cuban involvement in the Angolan civil war.

Instead, Nigeria backed the Soviet-supported faction, largely because South African troops were fighting inside Angola on behalf of the other two factions. It was then that policymakers in Washington and London began recognizing that Nigeria was attempting to establish itself as the leading Black African power.

Now Nigeria wants the United States to recognize the Patriotic Front as the legitimate government of Rhodesia and to apply economic sanctions against South Africa, where the United States has about \$1.5 billion invested. Some observers believe that is asking the United States to be more African than Africa is. Many Black African States continue to have economic ties with—and dependence on—South Africa.

Nonetheless, Nigeria had placed its hopes on the United States. The dissipation of those hopes was evident in three front-page editorials that appeared on successive days recently in Black Africa's largest daily newspaper, the "Daily Times" of Lagos:

"...Reason, the logic of history and a healthy regard for our own interest as a nation now dictate that we solemnly judge that trust and cooperation (with Washington) to have been fruitless," one of the editorials said.

"Inspirational rhetoric and diplomatic theater apart, the only party that has gained from our suspension of disbelief (in Washington's sincerity) has been the party of the villains" (in South Africa and Rhodesia). (LAT)

China, Japan and oil

By Terry A. Andresson

TOKYO —

The Japanese government is running into problems with the Japan-China long-term trade agreement, signed last February, as oil companies balk at the amount of Chinese oil they are expected to absorb, and the price Peking wants for it.

The eight-year agreement calls for Japan to send China about \$10 billion worth of technology, plants, materials and machinery. In return, China will sell Japan crude oil and some coal.

The sale of the oil is crucial to China's industrialization effort. Peking needs the money to pay for the technology. The Japanese are eager to make the deal work because of the billions of dollars they hope to make in the China market.

Under the agreement, China's oil exports to Japan will go from seven million tons this year to 15 million tons in 1982. After 1982, amounts were not set, but Japan guaranteed it would take an increasing amount every year. Recently, top Japanese and Chinese officials have discussed setting the later figures as high as 30 to 50 million tons a year.

Japan certainly needs oil—it imports 98 per cent of the oil it uses. The problem is that it doesn't need Chinese oil, markedly different from the Middle East oil that makes up the bulk of Japanese imports. And, according to oil company officials here, it definitely does not need Chinese oil at the current price of \$13.20 per barrel, 50 cents higher than good Arabian Light crude.

Chinese oil is poorer in quality than Arabian or other Mideast oil for purposes other

than simply burning the crude as fuel, according to Masami Ishida, chairman of Idemitsu Kosan Co., a major Japanese oil company, and president of the Petroleum Association of Japan.

However, he pointed out, power companies and other industrial users already have anti-pollution equipment to handle that problem, and they would have to spend huge amounts for new equipment to handle the predicted nitrogen pollution problem.

"We cannot force customers to use it," he said.

Noguchi also pointed out that China gave no guarantee that the oil it sells to Japan will come from the Taching field.

Ishida said that Japanese companies, organized into two groups, have already allocated Chinese oil through 1981, and will meet the quotas set under the long-term trade agreement—7 million tons in 1979, 8 million in 1980 and 9.5 million in 1981.

However, he said the oil companies had agreed in talks with former Minister of International Trade and Industry Toshio Komoto, who pushed through the Japan-China pact, to take only about 12 million tons in 1982.

Komoto arbitrarily increased that to 15 million in his talks with the Chinese. Ishida said 3.7 million tons of that total for 1982 are still unallocated, and the oil companies don't know what to do with it.

Increasing the quota drastically will advance the government's stated aim of reducing dependence on Middle East oil, to take only about 12 million tons in 1982.

The Chinese oil does have one advantage, according to Teruo Noguchi, president of Kao Oil Co. It's low in sulfur, charge, it would only encourage the kind of jingoism that could threaten the stability of its own heavily Muslim central Asian republics.

The Soviets have hinted publicly at the desirability of a new "cooperation national government" in Iraq but have not gone beyond that. However, analysts here say there are signs the Kremlin may be working behind the scenes to encourage an alliance between Iranian leftists and the Mujahideen.

These analysts point to a recently published interview with the head of Iran's Communist Party suggesting just such an alliance. The interview, with Iran Eskandari, head of the Popular Party in Iran, or Tudeh, was published earlier this month in a Czechoslovakian journal called "Problems of Peace and Socialism."

While no Soviet publication has picked up the theme as yet, Kremlin-watchers here say its publication in the Czech journal had to have at least tacit Moscow support. "It's safe to say the Russians approved of the appearance of the interview," one commented.

The circumstances allow Soviet leaders to keep their public distance from such a proposal while at the same time suggesting their dissatisfaction with the current regime in Iran.

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While he has bought billions of dollars worth of American arms, the Shah has lived up to his 1962 pledge that he would not allow any foreign missile bases on Iranian territory.

Whether intended or not, it also lays the foundation for the Soviets to justify more tangible moves later based on alleged American interference in Iran.

"Any interference, especially military interference, in the fall of the Shah and a full takeover by the military. There would inevitably be an even greater American influence in Iran under those conditions, the Kremlin believes."

Western analysts here are still reluctant to read into the Kremlin's recent polemic any attempt to set the stage for more overt moves. Instead, they say, Brezhnev's remarks are primarily a reflection of real concern here that the situation in Iran could easily flare into a superpower conflict that neither side really wants.

"They feel about Iran the same way the United States does about Cuba," one European diplomat commented. "The parallel isn't perfect, but it helps to explain the Soviet sensitivity about Iran."

At the same time, another diplomat added, "it does look like they're trying to put some distance between themselves and the Shah."

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Most analysts here say Moscow still wants the Shah to survive. Despite his outspoken anticomunism, he is a man with whom the Russians have been able to work. And a stable regime under the Shah is still preferable to the uncertainties of upheaval in Iran.

If Moscow determines that the Shah has totally lost control, however, such a leftist conservative alliance might be the best it could hope for.

—(LAT)

saudi press review

Saudi papers commented on the joint Saudi-Kuwaiti communiqué at the end of the Kuwaiti premier's visit. The papers were unanimous in that the visit has further consolidated bilateral relations as well as relations among Gulf states. "Al-Ridha" said the result of the visit "was up to popular expectations since it covered all the possible avenues of cooperation and strengthened the two countries' resolve to work closely in the interest of the region as a whole. As such, the result of the visit may be considered a new schedule for joint Arab endeavor and a vital element in the cooperation between Kuwait and Saudi Arabia."

"Olaya" said "the fundamental facts pointed out by the communiqué form a new and crucial phase in the history of the region which should go a long way in promoting development and economic prosperity."

The paper said that the issues stressed in the communiqué reaffirm the Kingdom's determination to pursue Arab solidarity to realize the greater pan-Arab objectives."

"Al-Medina" said the communiqué provides a way out of the present Arab malaise as it constitutes a basis for diagnosis of the present Arab malaise as it constitutes a basis for diag-

nosing the problems that all the Arab body politic besides pointing the way for a joint Arab action by emphasizing the importance of unity.

The communiqué calls for a bold action to wipe out the malaise by sublimating the higher Arab objectives and interests above narrow national aspirations."

"Al-Nadwa" said the need to consolidate Arab solidarity "is the common denominator for all Saudi moves."

"Indeed," the paper added, "it forms the cornerstone of Saudi policy. As to the Gulf, it would be necessary to guard the region against any conflicts and this requires complete coordination among the states concerned. It would be up to the people of the Gulf to see that their region is kept peaceful and stable," the paper said, reaffirming confidence in the ability of the Gulf leaders to ensure the security of the area.

"Al-Riyadh" said that the communiqué sought to show the way to the realization of Gulf unity by laying the foundations for strong relations. It said that the communiqué called for the devotion of all efforts to Arab solidarity and the need to solve all Arab problems peacefully. But it also doubled

efforts to continue working for cooperation and coordination among Gulf states since they are already united in so many ways—religion, language, aspirations, objectives and common fate which should keep the region away from internal conflicts and secure stability and tranquility.

"Al-Medina" ran a story of a man who had been imprisoned for 11 years for murdering another. He was not sentenced to death because the next of kin of the deceased was a minor at the time of the crime and the man was kept in jail until the boy reached majority to decide his fate.

When the boy turned 18, he forgave the murderer who still had to pay the heirs the set compensation but he was too poor to do so.

When the paper related his story, a large number of readers hastened to donate money towards the fund. "Al-Medina" ran a commentary in which it thanked all contributors and said "it is gratifying to see that there is still immense goodness about." The man may be released soon.

World of Dickens Festival comes to Dhahran

By Jean Grant

DHAHRAN—Charles Dickens comes here this week as the Dhahran Academy presents its World of Dickens Festival on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec 13 and 14.

In a Stroll Along the Strand, spectators will see replicas of the Old Bailey, Marshalsea Sea Prison and the Telsion Bank. They will mingle with some of Dickens' favorite characters—the poor little matchgirl, Mr. Bumble, Fagin, the Artful Dodger, Oliver—and drop a curtsy to Queen Victoria, stately in her royal widow's weeds.

Typical entertainers of the period such as jugglers, mime artists, and puppeteers will compete for the spectators' attention with French and Spanish singing and dancing and period displays on everything from medicine to music boxes. Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" will be read near the Dickens Tree decorated with handmade ornaments.

The highlight of this celebration will be a production of the hit musical "Oliver," based on Dickens' novel "Oliver Twist."

"Oliver" depicts the struggle of such innocents as the orphan Oliver, the hungry workhouse boys and the agile child pickpockets who prowled the streets of nineteenth century London. Except for three villains all 113 players in the cast are students.

The widely-respected junior high principal, Mr. Monson, takes the part of the two-faced scoundrel, Mr. Bumble. The guidance counsellor, Mr. Kolcum, makes his singing debut as gravel-voiced Fagin, the corrupter of young souls. Another popular teacher, Mr. Thomason, plays the vicious Bill Sikes who bludgeons the heroine Nancy to death.

Not only the teachers are playing roles opposed to their real-life ones. Several of the workhouse "boys" are really girls with their hair put up or hidden under a cap.

All the student leads are capably taken by eighth graders. Sargon Heinrich stars as Oliver; newcomer Chris Rudesill

plays the Artful Dodger; Kathy Polak takes the part of Nancy. Both students and teachers said they enjoyed working together during rehearsals. The teenagers appreciated seeing their teachers taking directions instead of giving them, and having to work at learning their lines. Heinrich explained, "we respect the teachers, but we like working with them." He added with a quick grin, "We're like one big happy family."

"Oliver" has a wealth of great hit tunes. Fagin's hearty "You've got to pick a pocket or two," the Artful Dodger's "Consider yourself," the girls' chorus "Who will buy my sweet red roses," and Oliver's "Where is love?" The songs are sung to the live piano accompaniment of Vi Martinez.

Though most of the players have sung before, few have ever danced on stage. "At the outset," said producer Carolyn Warren, "they all had two left feet, and it was quite a worry." Many rehearsals with choreographer-director Barbara Hicks soon put an end to the worry.

Carolyn Warren, who saw "Oliver" six times in the U.K. and America, wrote the script herself for the current production. In this way she saved the Academy a steep royalty fee for use of the copyrighted original script. She set about by underlining all the dialogue in "Oliver Twist" and picking out the lines that fit in best between the songs. "There was very little I had to make up," she said. "And when I did have to make something up, I tried to follow Dickens' wording. The result is a two-act musical of about an hour and a half."

The Parent Teacher Association offered a gift of SR 3,500, part of which went into a multi-level stage erected in the school amphitheatre. The set is construction scaffolding draped with burlap. This is silhouetted against the London skyline of the 1800s as painted by the art students.

"Oliver" is a pleasure for the eye as well as the ear. There are gentlemen's frock-coats and top hats, as well as pretty petticoats and aprons for the girls, lemon-yellow cumberbands and

raspberry red frocks. Every item from the humblest bonnet to the most elaborate dandy's lace flounce was sewn by parents from sketches by the wardrobe mistress, Cheryl Sergeant.

Why a festival and not simply a production of "Oliver"? Mrs. Warren explained that the series of related displays and entertainment was her "gimmick" to help the writing of Dickens come alive for the students. "Lots of kids are not avid readers," she explained. "They read the new popular best sellers and become familiar with their heroes, but they lose sight of some of the great heroes of the past. If you've never seen some of Dickens' characters, you've missed out because such characters are not created as often today."

The idea of a festival is suitable for Dickens' era, which was a fabulously rich period. The school's science department is editing a scientific journal of the time. Short articles written by the students include thumbnail sketches of Alexander Graham Bell and his telephone, Thomas Alva Edison and his light bulb, Gregor Mendel and heredity. Students have also set up a facsimile of the Royal Institute with Michael Faraday, working in the interior on an experiment in electromagnetic induction. Dickens, incidentally, attended Faraday's lectures, as did Queen Victoria.

The Festival also offers a literal taste of Dickensian London. The Parent Teacher Association is in charge of the food. There will be hot roasted chestnuts, gingerbread men, wassail, tarts and fruit. The Muffin Man will be there, too. Snacks will be sold at gas-lit booths from 5:30 until curtain time at 7:30 pm.

The Festival is a gift from the Academy to the community. Free tickets are available from any Junior High student or at the door. Spectators are invited to come in period costume if they wish. Here's a rare chance to enter another world in the company of, as contemporary Thomas Carlyle described him, "the good, the gentle, the high-gifted, ever-friendly, noble Dickens — every inch of him an honest man."

Japanese face a pension crisis in 1980s

By William H. Chapman

TOKYO—Japan is groping for a way around a pension crisis that is expected to hit with full force in the 1980s and 1990s when an unprecedented number of older workers will be leaving their offices and factories for retirement.

It is made up of the same parts as the cloud that hangs over the American social security system: too many retirees and not enough workers to support them without paying exorbitant taxes.

In terms of hard numbers, it is no more severe than the American problem, but it has come

on the Japanese with a bewildering suddenness, the product of a swiftly declining death rate that has given the Japanese the world's longest life span.

In just a few years, in fact, Japan has gone from boasting of its lifetime employment guarantee to a rapidly spreading concern that many elderly will be going jobless.

"It is the speed with which this is happening in Japan that is the issue," observes Haruo Shimada, an economist and consultant to the government's economic planning agency.

"It has been building up for

many years in the United States and Great Britain, but in Japan, it has come to a point all of a sudden. The year 1985 will be the beginning of a real crisis here."

Japan's lifetime employment concept, in which companies guarantee their workers jobs barring extraordinary circumstances, was easily fulfilled for a long time. It was fixed in the early years of this century when companies began enforcing the retirement of all those aged 55—at a time when the life span for one over 65. That ratio will drop to 7 to 1 in 1985 and 4 to 1 in the year 2010.

The burden can become enormous on the pension funds. Japan's Health and Welfare Ministry estimates payments from Welfare Pension, one of the two major plans, will triple by 1983, an unusually rapid acceleration.

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There will be, then, more and more people living on benefits

from the two national pension systems that encompass about 90 per cent of Japanese workers. The benefits are liberal by Western standards. According to one calculation, the average monthly pension is equal to about 40 per cent of the worker's salary before retiring.

There will be fewer and fewer workers to support them. One study concludes that at the present time there are nine working-age persons for every one over 65. That ratio will drop to 7 to 1 in 1985 and 4 to 1 in the year 2010.

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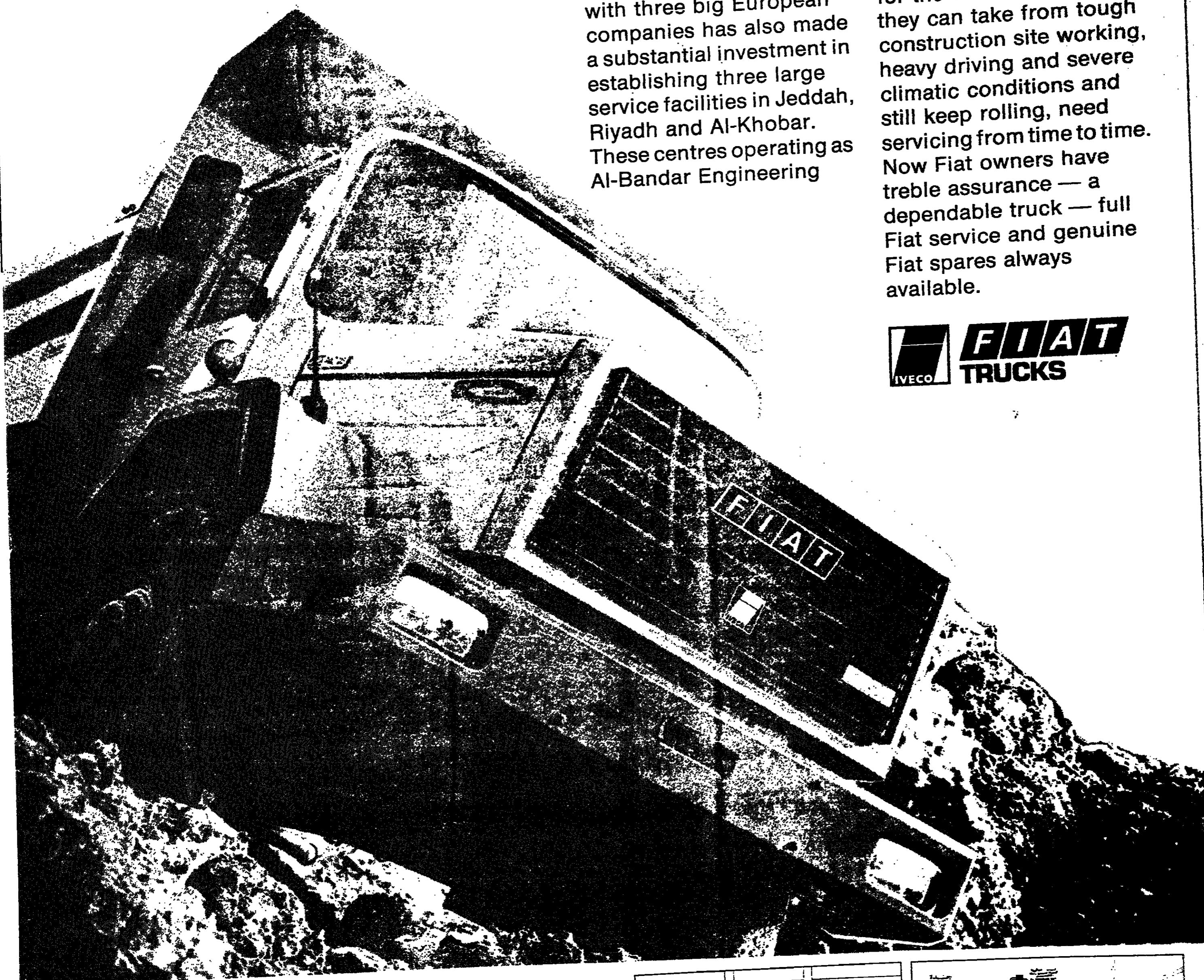
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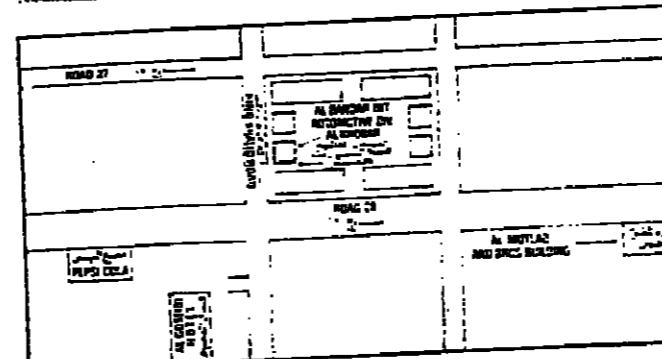


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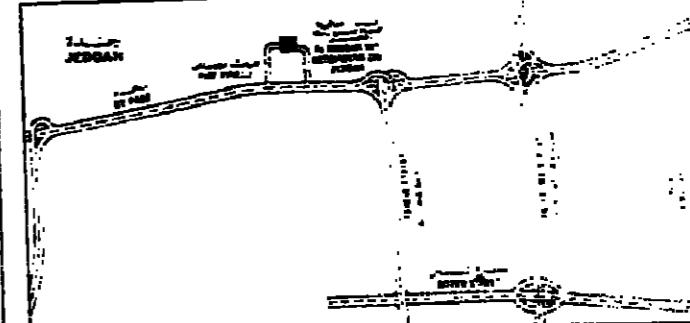
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'Whatever became of U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young?'

A change of tactics

By John M. Goettsch

UNITED NATIONS. — No longer do his strolls through the corridors of the United Nations draw packs of reporters hoping for an audacious quote. Instead, he has faded out of the headlines in a way that has caused puzzled diplomacy watchers to ask: "Whatever became of Andrew Young?"

That is quite a change from the time, a little more than a year ago, when much of the discussion about the then-fledgling Carter administration's foreign policy centered on what was known as "the Andy Young problem."

Among the various groups that brush against Young in his role as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations there is considerable disagreement about what this change means.

Some have interpreted his slipping into the background as a fall from grace — that he has been muzzled and that seemingly subtle shifts in U.S. policy toward southern Africa are a sign of his diminished influence.

Yet, among his fellow U.N. ambassadors and the backstage officials who turn the wheels at the State Department and the White House, it is hard to find anyone who agrees that such epitaphs are justified. They say Andy Young still casts a long shadow over the policy decisions of the U.S. government and the affairs of the United Nations.

The difference between last year and this year, they say, has been a little-noticed evolution in Young's approach to his job. What emerges from talks with diplomats, U.S. officials and Young himself is a portrait of a man who has changed not his beliefs, but his tactics, and who has subjugated many of his outsider's instincts to working within the system. Now, they say, Young seeks to make his point in behind-the-scenes negotiation rather than on the front pages.

"Andy has learned a great deal about the mechanics of diplomacy and how to make it work for him," says the U.N. ambassador of a major Euro-

pian nation. "He knows all about instructions and cables and channels — about bureaucracies and who pulls the strings in them. In the process, he's become less colorful, but, in my opinion, much more effective."

If so, that is quite a difference from the image Young projected when he first moved into the U.S. mission here. Then, he seemed unique — a veteran of the civil rights movement personifying all the churning currents of 1960s dissent who smashed the icons of traditional diplomacy in ways that earned him such sobriquets as "the loose cannon" and "the wayward missile."

Then, what had been regarded as the biggest triumph for the Young approach to southern Africa — a plan for U.N. supervision of Namibia's independence from South Africa — threatened to come unglued when Pretoria announced it was pulling out of the deal and holding its own majority-rule elections in Namibia.

That caused Vance and a group of Western foreign ministers to rush to South Africa and patch together a tortuously ambiguous compromise. Although no one seems certain of where it will lead, the West contends the aim was to allow South Africa the face-saving device of separate elections in exchange for superseding U.N.-supervised elections at a later date.

Western explanations and pleas for patience have been met with intense suspicion in Black African countries. In their view, the Pretoria compromise looked like a cave-in to South Africa and a swing toward the pre-Carter administration days when Washington took a cautious and conciliatory line toward the white minority governments of southern Africa.

That's what prompted speculation that Young has lost control of Africa policy to administration hardliners.

From his 11th-story office in the U.S. mission here, Young looks out imperturbably on the fray. Where other U.N. officials talk of the Namibia dispute as if it were a time bomb with a defective fuse, he says with unequivocal confidence:

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Andrew Young

almost everybody.

"I tried to establish that credibility in several ways. One was to put my main emphasis on southern Africa, the last bastion of racist colonialism. I wanted to show, on behalf of the Carter administration, that the United States could play a big role in the U.N.'s decolonization work — it's not the kind of thing that gets you in the newspapers, but that's the job I'm trying to learn just the military power to dominate it.

less need for him to play the "point man" role, and he has shifted his attention to other problems.

"The second responsibility I accepted when I came here was the task of trying to make the U.N. system work, of being able to get the votes that will determine the U.N.'s direction. It's not the kind of thing that leads the world rather than just the military power to do now."

He adds: "I think it's important because I see the United

Nations as a means of avoiding

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know I was aware of things that don't always get discussed in the West. That shocked some people in this country.

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"When I first came here," he explains, "I identified the big problem as one of establishing U.S. credibility in a world where the United States is in a minority. Our South African involvement had alienated us from the Africans. The Panama Canal issue had alienated us from the Latin Americans, and Vietnam had alienated us from

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ally are."

Now, Young argues, the credibility problem has been solved

through the administration's

policy initiatives in Africa, the

Middle East and elsewhere. As

a result, he contends, there is

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sure of his influence in the U.S. government, I think this is the area to watch," the source pre-

dicted.

For the moment, though, most observers trying to calibrate Young's standing within the administration have their attention fixed on the Namibia situation. They are watching to see whether South Africa will come back into line and, if it does not, what the United States will do about Black Africa's demand for severe economic sanctions against Pretoria.

It is no secret that the United States and Western Europe, with a heavy dependence on South African mineral exports, cannot afford to go along with these demands. But other, selective sanctions are talked about here, such as halting commercial air traffic to and from South Africa.

No one in the U.S. government has threatened such sanctions publicly, but everyone at the United Nations is aware that the rumors of these possible measures emanate from Young's office. To many here, this is a sign of how skilful Young has become at playing diplomatic football. — (WP)

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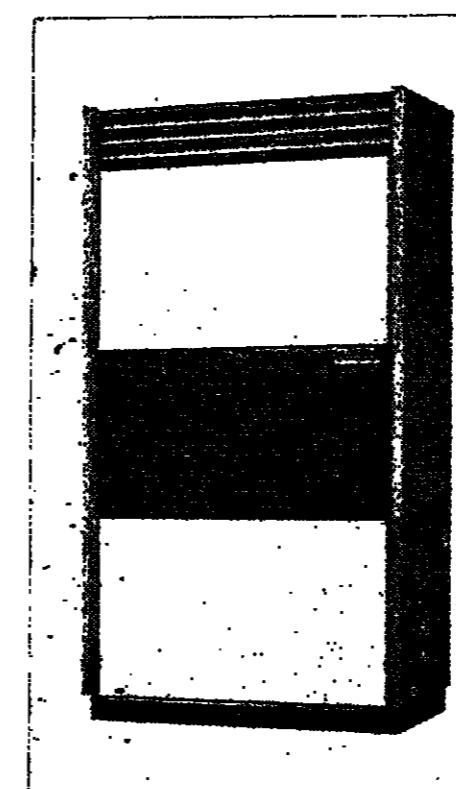


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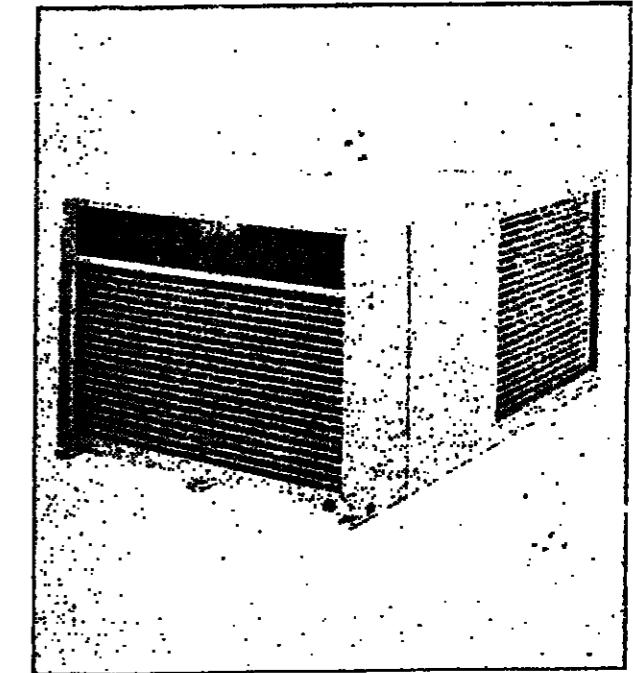
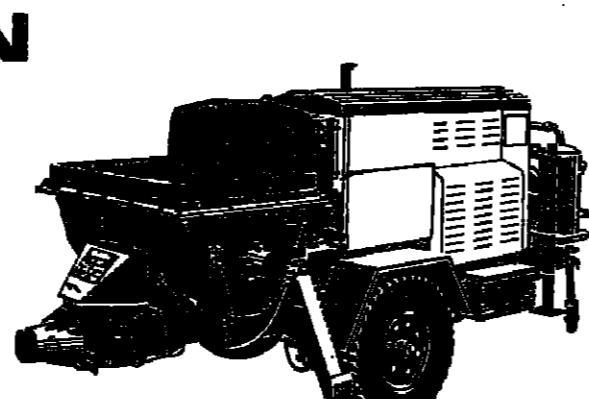


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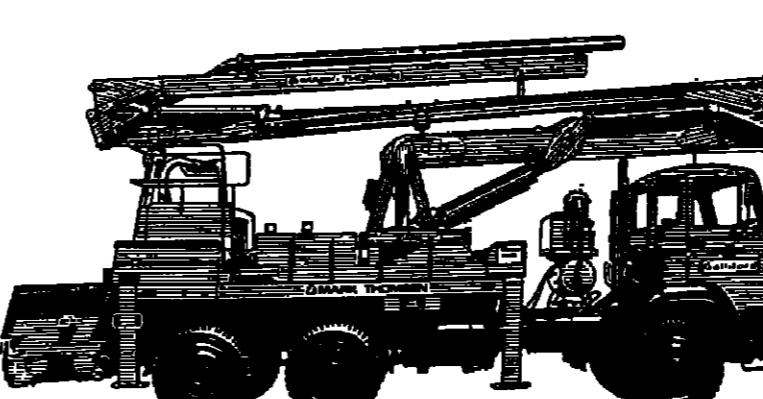
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No role for Israel in world sport until peace, Saudi official says

BANGKOK, Thailand, Dec. 8 (AP) — The head of the Saudi delegation to the Asian Games said here Thursday that Israel should not participate in international sports events until the Middle East problem is solved and Arab countries recognize Israel as a state.

Prince Fahd ibn Sultan told the Associated Press in an interview that Israel had "spoiled sports tournaments" in the past because Arab countries refused to meet Israeli athletes. This happened at the last Games in Tehran in 1974.

Prince Fahd, 28, denied reports that five Arab countries had contributed the bulk of the money for the Games, in order to "get Israel out of the Games."

The Asian Games Federation (AGF) had voted to exclude Israel for security reasons, he said.

"I believe that they (AGF) believed Israel should not participate in the Games, because they voted that way. We couldn't force anyone to do something that they don't believe in," he said.

Penalties

The track and field teams of participating countries in the Games which begin Saturday face possible penalties from the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), which is not sanctioning the Games since Israel has been barred.

"I think our position was

that Israel should not participate in the Games whatever it chose to do, it won't change our position whatsoever," he said.

Prince Fahd, the vice-president of the Saudi Olympic Committee, also said his country would not meet Israeli athletes in any sports tournament, until the conflict between the two countries is over.

Force

"We believe that what they call the state of Israel exists only within borders that they captured by force. Unless we recognize Israel as a state, we won't meet them. The peace talks are going on but they have not reached an agreement and we are not involved in it,"

Thai king sees Saudi delegation

BANGKOK, Dec. 8 (SPA)—King Bhumipol Adulyadej of Thailand received Friday the Saudi sports mission to the Asian Games led by Prince Fahd ibn Sultan.

McEnroe leads U.S. bid for victory in Davis Cup

RANCHO MIRAGE, California, Dec. 8 (AP) — He is like the junior partner — in appearance, in manner, in the way his teammates tease him. But John McEnroe, the 19-year-old American star, is be-

ing counted on as the leader of the United States squad that began its quest of the Davis Cup Friday against Great Britain.

McEnroe, who's been playing against professionals for just 18 months and who turned pro only six months ago, may be the baby in the family, but he's the highest ranked player going into the Davis Cup championship round. He meets 24-year-old John Lloyd, one of Britain's top players, in the opening match.

Ranked sixth in the world, McEnroe is agile and fast with a full stack of playing skills, a powerful volleyer, smart at the net. But as his age might explain, he is impatient, inclined to dramatics, sulky when he fails.

His teammates are Brian Gottfried, playing singles, and the doubles of Stan Smith and Bob Lutz, Davis Cup old-timers.

In Friday's other match, Gottfried goes against England's Buster Mottram, whom he has beaten in their only previous match.

Smith and Lutz, who are undefeated in Davis Cup matches they've played together, meet David Lloyd and Mark Cox on Saturday. The singles pairings will be reversed for the final matches Sunday.

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Young Saudi footballers seen to have tough task

BANGKOK, Dec. 8 (AP)—With Iran and Israel, finalists in the last Asian Games in Tehran, out of the competition, bronze medalist Malaysia feels it has a good chance to take the soccer title at the Games starting here Saturday.

But Malaysia will face strong competition from the Middle East, especially Iraq and Saudi Arabia, and from South Korea, winner of the Merdeka tournament in Malaysia a few months ago.

The young Saudi side, whose average age is only 20, may be short of experience, but that did not stop them gaining some impressive results on a recent European tour.

But the Saudi side has been drawn in the toughest group of

the first round matches with Qatar, Iraq and China—Group 'B'.

The Chinese team is an unknown quantity. Chinese officials say they do not expect to make a major impact on the tournament, but that could be typical Chinese modesty.

Players of the English First Division side West Bromwich Albion said after playing matches in China this summer that the standard there was surprisingly high.

The Malaysians, linked in Group 'A' with India and Bangladesh, appear to have a relatively easy passage through to the second round.

Forest, Liverpool do battle today

LONDON, Dec. 8 (R) — English football champion Nottingham Forest will probably have to forget about retaining its First Division title if it fails to beat current leaders Liverpool Saturday.

In the most important match of the season for both clubs, they meet at Liverpool's Anfield Road stadium with among other things, Forest's year-long unbeaten streak resting on the result.

Recent meetings between the clubs have favored Forest. Both League matches last season were draws but Forest won the League Cup final, 1-0.

Liverpool had a fine opportunity for revenge in the first round of this season's European Cup, but Forest took the first leg at home 2-1 then held the cupholder to a scoreless draw at Anfield.

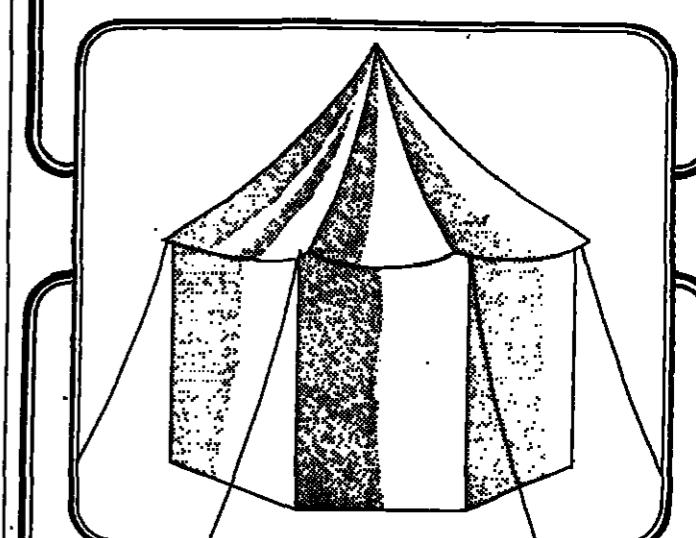
Graham takes lead in Mexico's tourney

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 8 (AP) — David Graham of Australia birdied three of the final four holes Thursday for a blistering six-under-par 66 and a two-stroke lead in the first round of the \$210,000 Mexico Cup golf tournament.

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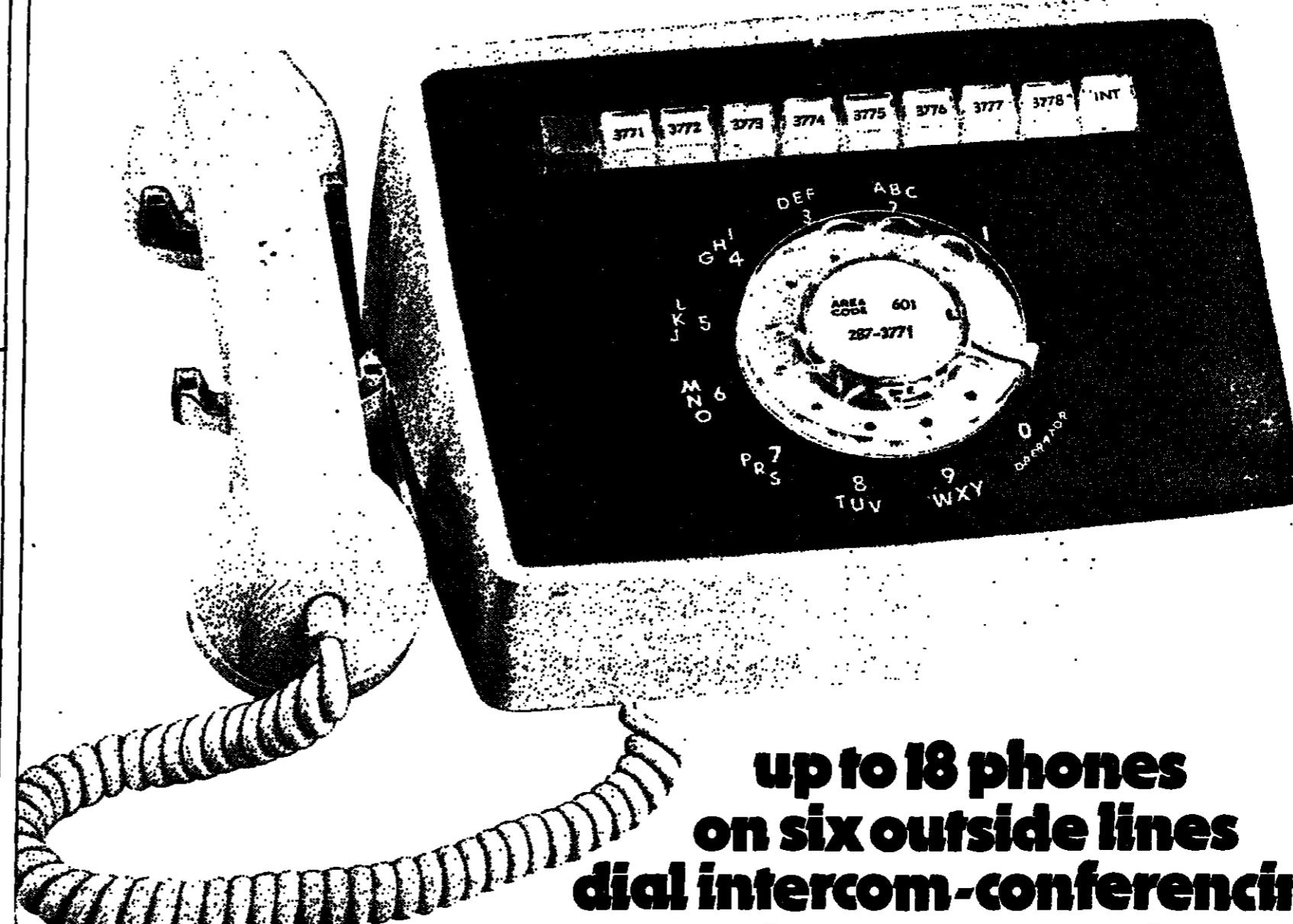
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'A partial success'

U.S. supports EMS

BONN, Dec. 8 (Agencies) — The United States Friday gave its support to the new European Monetary System (EMS) as an important step toward European unification, West German government spokesman Armin Gruenewald said here.

The spokesman told reporters that U.S. Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal made this clear in a 90-minute talk Friday with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

Blumenthal told Schmidt, the United States was convinced the EMS was an important step toward European unification and world economic growth, the spokesman said.

However to set up the EMS can be interpreted as a partial success in economic terms but a possible failure as far as the political future

of Europe is concerned.

The six wealthier countries forming the EMS overcame formidable technical details to devise the scheme, which designed to protect their economies from the wild currency fluctuations of recent years and act as a counterweight to the unstable dollar.

But Britain — and also, probably, Italy and Ireland — said they could not afford the deflationary cost of joining the EMS. Britain is certain to remain outside when the system goes into effect Jan. 1.

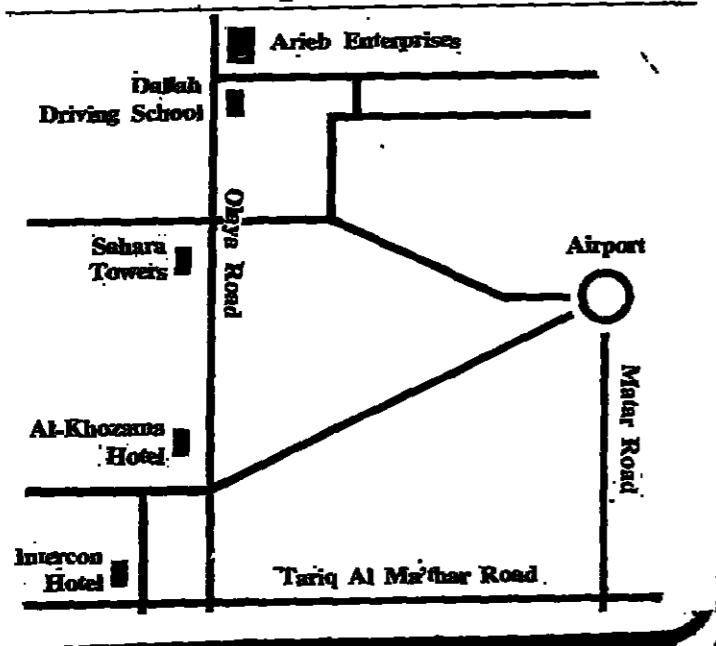
This presents the danger that the 26-year-old EEC will be turned into a 29-speed organization, with the richer members moving ahead fast within their monetary system and the poorer countries trudging along at a slower pace outside.

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Venezuela sees oil price hike

CARACAS, Dec. 8 (UPI) — Venezuela's Energy and Mines Minister Valentin Hernandez says he feels sure oil prices will be boosted next year but said this should not lead to a confrontation between the industrial nations and the oil producers.

He indicated the crisis in Iran might help push prices higher than they would otherwise have gone.

"The absence of Iranian oil will tend to strengthen oil prices at this decisive moment and may influence the thinking of the OPEC membership," he said.

Hernandez, whose country is a major U.S. foreign oil supplier, departed Thursday night for Abu Dhabi where oil ministers of the 13-member Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will hold their second annual conference on Dec. 16.

Although the Venezuelans have not said exactly what will be their position at the OPEC meeting, government officials have indicated they favor an increase.

VOLVO, Norway sign 'historic' agreement

OSLO, Dec. 8 (AP) — Swedish Volvo Friday signed an historic economic and industrial agreement with Norway, whose purchase of 40 per cent holding paves the way for Volvo development of new technologies and increased profitability.

Still pending parliamentary approval in the two Scandinavian neighbor countries, the pact was signed in Oslo at a ceremony attended by Prime Ministers Odvar Nordli and Ola Ulsten and Volvo General Manager Pehr Gyllehammar.

The agreement provides the Volvo transport group with a guaranteed 750 million Swedish kroner investment by Norway. Norwegian public and private shareholders will have a 40 per cent stake in the new Volvo company. This new company will be called Volvo (Swedish-Norwegian) Corporation. Volvo's shareholders will also get a 200 million Swedish kroner compensation from Norway.

Cuba to build houses worth \$42 m in Basra

BAGHDAD, Dec. 8 (UPI) — The Cuban government will build 1,500 houses in southern Iraq under a \$42.7 million contract signed in Baghdad Thursday night, the official Iraqi News Agency said Friday.

The agency said the houses will be used by workers in the iron and steel projects in the governorate of Basra. They constitute the first phase of a

Balr industrial town.

Iraqi Minister of Industry and Minerals Muhammad Ayesh signed for his country and an undersecretary of the Cuban Ministry of Construction signed on behalf of his government, it said.

The Cuban official and the delegation accompanying him on his trip to Iraq left Baghdad Friday, the agency added.

Market comment:

A settled appearance

Special to 'Arab News'

LONDON, Dec. 8 — The foreign exchanges took on a more settled appearance, having digested the outcome of the Bonn summit on the European monetary system. Currencies traded quietly with only marginal movements from overnight rates. The dollar exhibited a slight tendency to go easier on balance against the stronger continental currencies like the Deutschmark and the Swiss franc. But it received sufficient central bank support to keep the effective depreciation steady at 8.3 per cent.

Belgian money market rates firmed up once more, reflecting the pressure on its exchange rate in terms of the German currency. Short term treasury bill rates rose for the second time in a fortnight, with three-month rates, for example, being lifted half a point to 9.7 per cent.

Trading in gold bullion was quiet as the scheduled date for the IMF gold auction approached. The price dipped 1½ dollars on Wednesday but more than erased it the following morning, being fixed in London at \$198.10.

The dollar sector of the Eurobond market continued its recent rally, joined on Wednesday by the Deutschmark sector, which had been under a cloud the past couple of months. In both cases, prices moved between quarter and a half a point higher. The mood was

reflected in the terms of the prime Norsk Hydro issue, being handled by Hamburgs Bank. The issue was quoted at a discount of 1½ points on the issue price in pre-market trading, which compared favorably with the selling group discount of 1½ points.

Wall Street sawed but ended with small net gains in a narrow majority of issues. At first, the market continued its recent strong advance, putting 6 points on the Dow Jones index in the first half-hours trading on Wednesday, following the 13.7 point leap of the previous day. But then came the news that the chairman of the wage-price council, Mr. Khan, had appointed a team of experts to study the risk of a shortage of petroleum in the U.S. He added that oil and petrol prices would probably have to rise to prevent such a shortage and that the administration might even have to consider rationing. The Dow Jones index ran back from its high point of 826.40 to 817.91.

In London, activity was mainly confined to the gilt-edged market, which continued to pick up institutional investment interest. The new medium term 'Tap' stock attracted encouraging support and prices strengthened throughout the day. Equities were still fairly listless, though the rally continued to push prices gradually higher, with the FT index reaching 495.7 by noon on Thursday.

Said in dangerous trouble

Economists urge help to Turkey

the major non-Communist industrial nations.

It said a stabilization program adopted with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) backing at the beginning of 1978 had already brought a measure of discipline to the Turkish economy not seen for many years, but added: "nevertheless, inflation has continued at a high rate."

"In these circumstances restrictive policies must be continued," it said. But it noted that an unfortunate side-effect of these restrictions was that unemployment — already very high by European standards — had risen further and industry was operating below normal capacity.

It said that Turkey "may stand in danger of slumping into a prolonged recession."

"There are indications that

exports are being adversely affected by shortages of materials and spare parts have to be imported. An increase in foreign trade credits if its economy was not to slump into a prolonged recession.

"In a letter to Common Market leaders, Jenkins said Turkish Prime Minister Ismet Ecevit had drawn his attention to the alarming situation in his country's economy."

A complicating factor is

The Common Market is in final stages of negotiating with Greece which wants to join the community. The non-Common Market countries, all but of them Turkey's allies in NATO, are concerned that entry of Greece should damage their links with eastern neighbor because of history of bitterness between the two countries.

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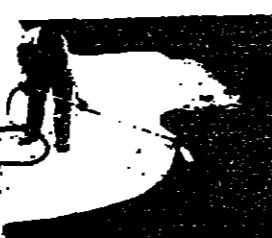
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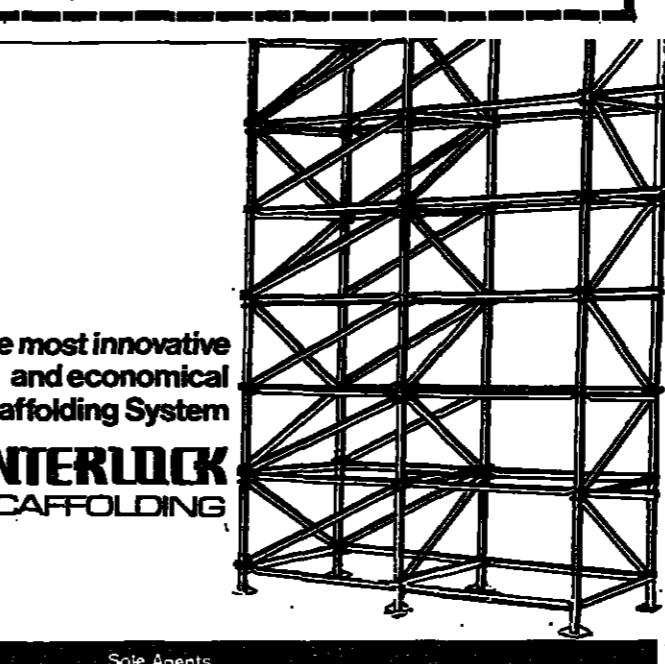
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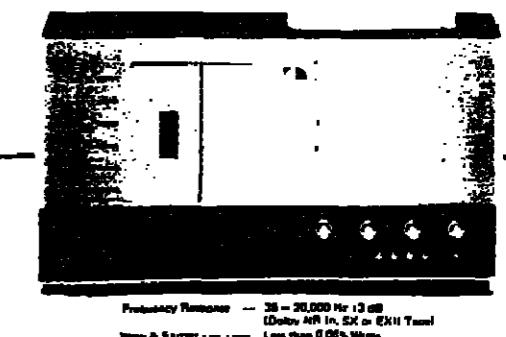
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Pretoria ex-boss of security on rack in Parl't

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 8 (R)—The former head of South Africa's Bureau of State Security, Gen. Hendrik van den Berg, is emerging as a key figure as parliament debates a government scandal over misuse of secret funds.

Interior Minister Alwyn Schlebusch has told parliament that the general was the "mastermind" in a government deal to finance a pro-government newspaper, the "Citizen," and a subsequent cover-up.

Opposition leader Colin Eglin, who called for the National Party to resign, has said that under van den Berg, the bureau (BOSS) had grown like a monster.

Another opposition spokes-

man, Vause Raw, leader of the New Republic Party talked of "an apparent reign of terror under the head of the Bureau of State Security."

Van den Berg was named in a report by a commission headed by Judge Rudolf Erasmus which investigated allegations that millions of rand were misused or misappropriated by members of the now-disbanded Information Department.

The Erasmus Report also accuses former Information Minister Connie Mulder of negligence and incompetence and suggests his top civil servant, Eschel Rhoodie, could be prosecuted along with Rhoodie's

deputy and brother Denys Rhoodie.

Van den Berg said in a newspaper interview that he

was being made a scapegoat: "I am being crucified as a wrongdoer—all on the characterizations of me before the Erasmus Commission by people like Dr. Rhoodie and Dr. Mulder."

The debate in the House of Assembly is based on the report, which Prime Minister Pieter Botha has proposed the house should accept.

Eglin, who called the debate "a session of shame", called for the government to resign and said a parliamentary committee should probe all the Information Department's irregularities.

"Those who, in one way or another, through their infidel-

ity and deceitfulness, have become part of the secret funds scandal, have succeeded in doing from within the government what all South Africa's enemies combined could never have achieved from the outside—they have destroyed the faith of millions of South Africans in the integrity of the government of South Africa." He said.

Botha, who was cleared of blame by the commission, said he had never been opposed to the creation of a secret fund and realised the need for it.

But he had objected to the way the money had been passed to the Information Department through his own Defense Department's allocation before he became premier in succession to John Vorster.

But he made it clear Thursday that despite the furor over the Department of Information's activities his government had no intention of giving up at least some secret projects.

He expressed "the conviction that secret funds should be at the disposal of the government, as is the case with the authorities of other countries."

Parliament was also told Tuesday that South African officials planned to buy a European newspaper as part of the Republic's world-wide propaganda campaign.

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New aid stations for Holy Places

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Maj. Gen. Yahya Al-Mu'allimi, assistant director of public security for operations, said funds are being set aside for the program.

COTABATO CITY, Philippines, Dec. 8 (AP)—Eighteen well-armed men, believed Muslim rebels, raided a Ministry

of Public Highways district office 10 kilometers southeast of here and fled with more than 20,000 pesos (\$2,660) one hour before Philippine constabulary troopers arrived, eyewitnesses said Friday.

The raiders, most of them

wearing black masks and carrying high-powered arms including M16s and grenade launchers, struck Tuesday in Sultan Kudarat town minutes after the ministry's cashier arrived to pay laborers.

In Manila, Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile ordered the armed forces to tighten the security of government installations in areas long-harassed by the Muslim rebellion in the southern Philippines following the raid in Sultan Kudarat.

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In Berne Dayan said Friday Israel was unlikely to close the door to further talks with Egypt if Cairo did not sign a peace treaty on Dec. 17 as planned.

Dayan ruled out the prospect of any Israeli-Egyptian meeting to discuss Cairo's misgivings about the treaty before a Middle East visit next week by U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

The Israeli minister said he intended to fly home later Friday following his three-day official visit to Switzerland,

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Hanoi denies abetting refugees

Most of the 15,000 IndoChinese

boat people to be admitted under a new program approved by Congress Friday will come from Malaysia.

The U.S. Embassy said Friday all 46,000 Vietnamese refugees in Malaysian camps not taken by other nations will be considered for admission to the United States.

Vietnamese Charge d'Affaires here, Tran De Luc, said Friday that Vietnam is in fact allowing a free flow of people to get rid of problems it faces with ethnic Chinese and others who do not fit in with the present Communist regime.

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the road and was a mass of burning metal." The blast occurred between the towns of Jambour and Fayadiyah.

An ADF communiqué confirmed that four people had been wounded in the blast but said that only one truck had been hit.

Military sources who visited the site said the remote-controlled explosive device apparently had been "fixed to a waterpipe along the side of the road." They said the blast had left a 5-foot (1.5 m) crack in the pavement.

Three weeks ago, a 110-pound (50 kg) remote-controlled bomb ripped through a bus full of Syrian soldiers as it was passing through the mountain town of Aley.

Police sources said about 16 people were killed and 33 wounded in that blast.

A similar bombing occurred in the village of Midarej, about 15 miles (20 km) further east, in September and claimed the lives of 11 persons.

Iran

firmed U.S. support for the Shah.

Presidential Press Secretary Jody Powell said the president was "very concerned about erroneous interpretations" in "the Washington Post" and elsewhere "that suggested a change in U.S. policy" toward the Shah.

Powell said the president had instructed the State Department to issue a statement reaffirming he U.S. policy "of support toward the Shah."

However, the Russians feel the decisions have been overtaken by events.

Well-placed sources here said a fortnight ago that the Soviet Union had begun a major re-appraisal of weapons deliveries to Syria and Iraq.

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